



THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 6, 1909.

It is within the power of a city to compel a railroad company to bridge its street crossings when the street has been established after the laying of the tracks, as well as when the laying of the tracks follows the establishment of the street, according to the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company et al. vs. City of Minneapolis. The Minneapolis city council required [the St. Paul and the Great Northern railroads to erect a bridge over an avenue in the city, and the railroads resisted the order on the ground that the street was laid out after the railroad had acquired its right of way and laid its tracks, and that this circumstance imposed upon the city the responsibility of making the crossing safe. The Supreme Court of Minnesota decided against the railroad companies, and the Supreme Court of the United States sustained the decision of the state court.

The granting of pensions has grown to be such a rank scandal that the northern papers which have heretofore quite generally kept quiet on the subject are beginning to take notice. The Boston Herald has the following to say on the subject:

The pension granting industry in this country is one activity that never ceases, day or night, Sundays or holidays. Earthquake, massacre, fire, flood, tariff trouble or what not, the pressure at Washington never stops. A few days ago one senator introduced 112 private pension bills, all from his own state.

Commenting on the above the New York Tribune says:

Maybe when Senator Aldrich's crusade for a reduction of \$35,000,000 in the annual appropriations gets fairly started next winter the private pension bill industry will be abolished. That would be one sensible check put on unnecessary expenditure.

THERE is much talk in Richmond, where all kind of wild theories originate, of the need of a state board of equalization. At present the state is said to be undergoing a loss of about \$500,000 per year due to unfair tax valuation. It is claimed that a state board of equalization would cost only \$25,000 a year and that this would be worth the price if the returns are what they are believed to be in delinquent taxes due to unfair equalization. The matter, it is said, will be urged before the next legislature as the state is in need of additional money to defray expenses of the budget. This seems to be a well devised scheme to foist most office holders upon the state. Competent commissioners of the revenue is all that is needed.

"EAT hard food if you wish to keep the teeth clean and preserve them," is the advice of Dr. George Cunningham, who has been conducting a crusade for the preservation of the teeth of English children. The best of all bread, said Dr. Cunningham recently, was that provided in the prisons. Mothers who had the interests of their children's teeth at heart should select a good crusty loaf made from "seconds" flour, and not from the white roller milled. The crusts should be cut off and given to the children to eat.

It is rumored in Washington that since Judge Spencer Adams, of North Carolina, visited the White House on Tuesday and informed the president that he did not care to become the successor to Commissioner John G. Capers, as head of the internal revenue bureau, that the president may now turn to Virginia; that he will ask Collector L. W. Summers, of Abingdon, to take the place, and that the latter in all probability may do so. The rumor will stop right there.

GEN. SIR WILLIAM KNOX, of England, declares that his own surrenders of British troops in the South African war were the result of loss of nerve on the part of the officers, due to the cigarette habit. Another reason why the cigarette should "go."

A \$65,000,000 merger of coke plants was effected in the Connellsville Pa., field yesterday. The anti combination law seems to have been forgotten.

THE end of the steel rate war was yesterday indicated by the advance in price of light steel rails to \$27 a ton by three Pittsburgh companies.

From Washington.
(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
Washington, May 6

The publication of the facts in the quarrel between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson with regard to the conservation policy of the Interior Department and its relation to the bureau of forestry has created a stir in official circles and preparations are being made by both sides for the presentation of the matter to the president at a cabinet meeting in the near future. It is an open secret that the secretary of the Interior and the forest service differ radically as to the methods to be employed in carrying out the Roosevelt conservation idea for which

News of the Day.

The first vote on a tariff item in the Senate yesterday showed only six majority for the Aldrich rate.

It is reported that Chancellor von Bismarck will resign unless the Reichstag withdraws opposition to the government's proposals for taxation.

Mrs. Susan Hinks, 94 years old, widow of Mayor Samuel Hinks, died yesterday afternoon from the infirmities due to age at her home in Baltimore.

Dr. L. Samuel Masson, in answer to a hypothetical question of 10,000 words, declared at the trial at Flushing, L. I., yesterday that Captain Peter O. Hains was insane when he shot and killed William E. Anolis.

Criminal proceedings as a result of the government's suit against the American Sugar Refining Company were begun in New York yesterday by the arrest of Thomas Kehoe, a checker at the weighing scales of the corporation.

Urging that special attention be paid to the charities of the Washington Episcopal diocese, Bishop Alfred Harding opened the sessions of the Washington Convention at Epiphany Church yesterday morning. He paid high tribute to the memory of the late Bishop Henry Y. Satterlee.

Hilmi Pasha and Mollah Sahib were yesterday installed, respectively, as grand vizier of the empire and Sheikh Ul Islam, or head of the faith. The former succeeds Tewfik Pasha and the latter Zia Eddin Efsandi. The changes in the office were made with the usual ceremony.

A sensational report is circulating in Rome that the Duke of the Abruzzi has met with a serious accident at the beginning of his ascent of the Himalayan range in India, the highest mountains in the world. It is stated that the Italian guides accompanying the duke have written that he was entering recklessly upon the enterprise, against the advice of the guides, and that some disaster was certain to happen.

National League games yesterday resulted: At Chicago—Chicago, 5; Cincinnati, 2. At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh, 6; St. Louis, 5. At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 3; Philadelphia, 3. At Boston—Boston, 9; New York, postponed, wet grounds. American League games resulted: At New York—New York, 2; Boston, 0. At Cleveland—Chicago, 6; Cleveland, 1. At St. Louis—Detroit, 3; St. Louis, 1. At Philadelphia—Washington, 4; Philadelphia, 3.

The passenger train on the Romney branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad struck some cattle on the return trip to Romney, W. Va., last night, and the combination baggage and smoker and the day coach were derailed and thrown over an embankment, the day coach afterward catching fire and burning up. Six persons were injured. Joseph Inskip Keller, former proprietor of the Keller Hotel at Romney, went down to view the wreck and dropped dead there.

Virginia News.

William H. Kenney, a farmer of northern Frederick county, died yesterday of consumption at Clearbrook, aged sixty-one years.

Among the eighty odd applicants, but twenty-two passed the examinations before the State Board of Pharmacy which held its semi annual meeting in Richmond last week.

The city railway and electric properties in Richmond, Manchester and Petersburg were bought in at receivers' sale in Richmond yesterday by the bond committee representing the Gould interests for \$3,100,000.

Judge R. Carter Scott, of Richmond, in Circuit Court in Calverly yesterday, decided the case of the commonwealth against the administrators of the estate of the late Carter A. Saunders in favor of the defendants. This suit was brought to recover taxes alleged to have been omitted from assessments during Mr. Saunders' lifetime, amounting to about \$20,000.

Mrs. Virginia Browning Lillard, an aged woman residing near Laurel Mills, in Rappahannock county, committed suicide Tuesday night by drowning in Shornton river, within a quarter of a mile of her home. The prevailing opinion is that her rash act was occasioned from mental distress and worry in not having received any communication for several months from a son to whom she was much attached.

Capt. R. R. Ferguson, who, in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg in the civil war, led Company K, Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, up "Cemetery Ridge," died in Norfolk yesterday, aged 74. In the Gettysburg charge Capt. Ferguson was wounded and lay helpless for 60 hours without food or drink, except for what water he could get from nearby puddles after a heavy rain throughout which he was unsheltered.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant, this week, to citizens of this state, of the following patents: P. J. Bernard, of Union Hall, level; J. W. Osbourne, of Alexandria, stove-door fender; A. J. Gleason, of Suffolk, bundle-forming machine; E. S. Dinkel, of Bridgewater, curtain-support; I. A. Gibbs, of Roanoke, track-sanding apparatus; L. W. Penzer, of Richmond, window; and H. Turner, of Richmond, fly-trap.

Appeal Denied.

New York, May 6.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court today denied the appeal of Mrs. Evelyn Thaw from a verdict of the city court awarding \$250 to Mrs. Elsie Hartwig, a milliner, for goods furnished Mrs. Thaw, and naming a receiver for Mrs. Thaw's property in this city. If Mrs. Thaw does not meet the judgment it was asserted by the lawyers, for the plaintiff, they will try to get a body execution against her and have her committed to Ludlow street jail.

A FACT PROVEN.

Should Convince Even the Most Skeptical of Its Truth
If there is the slightest doubt in the minds of any that draft germs do exist, their belief is compelled by the fact that a rabbit inoculated with the germs became bald in six weeks' time.
It must be apparent to any person therefore that the only prevention of baldness is the destruction of the germ—which act is successfully accomplished in one hundred per cent. of cases by the application of Newbro's Hair-Pencil.

Dandruff is caused by the same germ which causes baldness and can be prevented with the same remedy—Newbro's Hair-Pencil. Accept no substitute. "Destroy the cause you remove the effect."
Sold by Ernest L. Allen & Co., agents, 505 and 507, and 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 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